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CONSTRUCTION OF GODOWNS AND COLD STORAGES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is extending any further concessions to private parties for the construction of storage godowns and cold storages;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of cold storages with capacity set up in the country, particularly in West Bengal at present, State-wise;

(d) the assistance provided to States for increasing the existing capacity of cold storages during the last three years and current year, State-wise;

(e) whether the Government proposes to set up more cold storages in the country particularly in Arunachal Pradesh;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and (g) the steps being taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government is implementing two schemes for construction of storage godowns and cold storages under which subsidy is provided @ 15% to 33.33% of the capital cost of the project to different categories of entrepreneurs and depending on the location of the project. The maximum subsidy available for a cold storage project shall not exceed Rs. 50 lakh for general category and Rs. 60 lakh for Scheduled Caste/Scheduied Tribe (SC/ST) and North East region. In the case of rural godowns, the maximum subsidy available for a project shall not exceed Rs. 50 lakh for SC/ST entrepreneurs and their cooperatives; Rs. 37.50 lakh for farmers, agricultural graduates, State Warehousing Corporations; and Rs. 22.50 lakh for companies and corporations. Both the Schemes are being implemented by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development and National Cooperative Development Corporation,

(c) and (d) The State-wise number of cold storages/ projects sanctioned, total capacity created is given in the enclosed Statement-I. The assistance/subsidy sanctioned under the scheme in the country including the State of West Bengal during the last three years from 2002-03 to 2004-05 are given in enclosed Statement-II. Funds are allocated for cold storage projects that can be taken up anywhere in the country. There is no statewise all ocation of funds. An amount of Rs. 26.00 crore has been provided for implementation of the scheme during 2005-06.

(e) to (g) As the scheme is demand/entrepreneur driven, the Government does not construct/set up cold storages directly. If any proposal is received from the State of Arunachal Pradesh, it will be considered for sanction of subsidy on merits under the approved operational guidelines of the scheme. Under the scheme, Government has provided an assistance of Rs. 53.33 lakh for construction of one cold storage with a capacity of 4000 capacity in Arunachal Pradesh.